

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:)
Application of: Vaughan et al) Before the Examiner
Serial No.: 08/877,684) J. Pasterczyk
Filed: June 17, 1997) Group Art Unit No.
For: SUPPORTED LATE TRANSITION) 1755
METAL CATALYST SYSTEMS) Attorney Docket No. 96B035/2



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 1999. A petition for an extension of time is being filed simultaneously herewith. The Examiner is advised that a Notice of Appeal is also being filed simultaneously herewith in order to preserve the Applicant's rights. However, should the Examiner honor the Applicants' request for a withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action, the fees should be credited to the Deposit Account listed on the Notice of Appeal.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A late transition metal catalyst system for polymerization of olefin monomers comprising a Group 9, 10 or 11 metal complex stabilized by a bidentate ligand immobilized on a solid support where the late transition metal loading is less than 100 micromoles transition metal compound per gram of solid support, the Group 9, 10 or 11 metal complex stabilized by a bidentate ligand of the formula:



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